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SUBJECT: PRISONER EXCHANGE

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1. KALMANOWITCH CALLED THE DCM THE EVENING OF APRIL 19 FROM WEST BERLIN. HE HAD MET AGAIN WITH VOGEL EARLIER IN THE DAY, AND THERE HAD BEEN FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE LUNT-LEBRON EXCHANGE. ACCORDING TO KALMANOWITCH, VOGEL SAID THE CUBANS ARE "100 PERCENT READY" TO PROCEED WITH A ONE-FOR-ONE TRADE. OTHER PUERTO RICANS IN JAIL COULD BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS. VOGEL ENVISAGES HE WILL HAVE A ROLE IN THE LUNT-LEBRON SWAP IN THE SENSE THAT HE WILL BRING THE U.S. AND CUBAN NEGOTIATORS TOGETHER IN WASHINGTON DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT.

2. RE THE MECHANICS OF THE THOMPSON-NORMAN EXCHANGE, VOGEL INDICATED TO THE DCM APRIL 19 THAT HE FAVORS THE THIRD ALTERNATIVE (REFTEL PARA 6). HE SAID HE THOUGHT OF BRINGING THOMPSON TO THE U.S. MISSION AND HOLDING HIM THERE UNTIL HIS WIFE DROVE NORMAN OVER FROM THE EAST.

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT THIS MESSAGE AS DESIRED.
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